

# Consumer Product Safety

**Essential Question:** The right to safety includes the responsibility to consider the consequences of risk taking. What are safety issues the consumer should evaluate?

**DIRECTIONS:** Complete the following opinion questions. Use your critical thinking skills to examine both sides of the issue before you answer. Be ready to defend your response in class discussion.

1. In your opinion, how safe does the consumer have the right to be? Why?
2. Should the manufacturer of a product be responsible to protect the consumer from his or her own mistakes or negligence? Why or why not?
3. If you are a daredevil type who likes to take risks, should you be prevented from doing so? Defend the opinion opposite of your own with three reasons.
4. Should consumers who are hasty, careless or who refuse to read operating instructions about product safety be protected? Explain your answer.
5. Many states have seatbelt and helmet laws. What issues are involved that give the state interest in individuals protecting themselves?
6. What are some current concerns about reconciling individual rights and responsibilities with group rights and responsibilities?